Good morning Alice,

I will need to follow up with you next week after I speak to the Town Administrator and Fire Chief.

Have a happy 4th.

Alberto Santos

From: Yeh, Alice [mailto:Yeh.Alice@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 3:20 PM
To: Mayor Alberto Santos
Subject: Forum on Passaic River Navigation

I am helping New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) organize a forum on commercial navigation in the Passaic River on July 22, 2014 at 1-4pm. I was hoping to ask you or someone you recommend to serve on the panel to discuss use of the Passaic River's navigation channel now and in the future.

As you know, in April 2014, EPA issued a Proposed Plan for cleaning up the lower 8 miles of the Lower Passaic River. The Proposed Plan evaluates four options for the cleanup and describes EPA's preferred option, which is to cap the lower 8 miles with sand, with some dredging so that the cap does not cause additional flooding and to allow for the continued use of the federal navigation channel in the 2.2 miles closest to Newark Bay. EPA is seeking public comment on the Proposed Plan until August 20, 2014. EPA is particularly interested in receiving comments on the navigational depths proposed for the 2.2 miles closest to Newark Bay (30 feet in the first 1.2 miles, 25 feet in the next 0.5 miles and 20 feet in the next next 0.5 miles) and whether shallower depths might still accommodate reasonably-anticipated future uses, because shallower depths mean less dredging and a less costly cleanup plan.

Companies that currently use the navigation channel commercially have also been invited, but it would great to hear from the Town of Kearny about your plans for the riverfront, whether they be commercial or recreational.

Please let me know if someone from the Town of Kearny can participate on the panel, or if you have any questions.

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